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TAGS: PBOR, BM, TH

SUBJ: THAI NAVAL VESSEL IN ANDAMAN SEA

1. BANGKOK POST ON NOV 28 CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY ROYAL THAI NAVY THAT BURMESE SEIZURES OF THAI FISHING VESSELS HAD DROPPED SINCE THE STATIONING OF THAI NAVAL VESSEL IN THE ANDAMAN SEA. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE RTN'S "PIN KLAO", WHICH REPLACED THE "PRASAE" IN EARLY NOVEMBER, WAS SCHEDULED TO REMAIN IN THE AREA THROUGHOUT NEXT YEAR. THAI NAVY CLAIMED THAT IT HAD WON PRAISE FROM BURMESE AUTHORITIES FOR ASSISTING IN PREVENTING THAI TRAWLERS FROM FISHING IN BURMESE TERRITORIAL

WATERS. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO SAID THAT THE "PIN KLAO" WAS HELPING CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN THE AREA TO INTERCEPT SMUGGLERS.

2. COMMENT: THAI HAVE, SINCE THE STATIONING OF THE "PRASAE" IN THE ANDAMAN SEA, INSISTED THAT RTN PRESENCE WAS MORE TO DETER THAI TRAWLERS FROM FISHING BURMESE WATERS THAN TO INTIMIDATE BURMESE NAVY FROM SEIZING THAI VESSELS. ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME PALIDITY TO THIS AVERRED INTENTION, WE DOUBT THAT BURMESE AUTHORITIES, WHO OBVIOUSLY RESENT THAI POACHERS BUT PROBABLY FEEL LESS THAN COMFORTABLE WITH THAI WARSHIP IN THE AREA, HAVE

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GONE SO FAR AS TO PRAISE THAI NAVY PRESENCE.  
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